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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under
37 CFR 1.53(b) :

Prior Application: APPLICANTS: N. MUNAKATA et al
Serial No. 09/637,497
Filed: August 11, 2000

Group Art: 2836
For: POWER USE CIRCUIT BREAKER AND ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT
ARRANGEMENT FOR ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION PLANT

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application
under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial
No. 09/637,497 filed August 11, 2000, entitled POWER USE
CIRCUIT BREAKER AND ELECTRICAL CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENT FOR
ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION PLANT by all of the inventors named
in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, as
originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

22141 U.S. PTO
10/674349
10/01/03

18384 U.S. PTO

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**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee							\$ 770.00
Total Claims	4	-	20	=	0	x	18 = \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	86 = \$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee							\$ 770.00

3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$ 770.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 5-13 before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/637,497, filed August 11, 2000.--.

7. Formal drawings are enclosed, five (5) sheets, Figs. 1-7.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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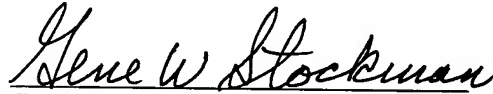
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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd and Hitachi Electric Systems Co., Ltd.

10. Priority of Japanese patent application No. 2000-006198 filed January 11, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. **The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.**

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application, as originally filed on August 11, 2000.


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